

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

(Veto on House Bill No. 443.)

Mr. N. A. Cravens, private secretary to the Governor, appeared at the bar of the House, and being duly announced, presented the following message from the Governor:

Executive Office,
State of Texas,
Austin, March 20, 1905.

To the House of Representatives:

I disapprove and herewith return House bill No. 443, amending the charter of the city of Denison.

I submit the following objections to that portion of the bill amending Section 118 of the original charter of the city, enacted by the Twenty-second Legislature:

By the terms of Section 118 of the original act it was provided that "the city council may set apart annually not exceeding one-half of 1 per centum on the assessed values of all property subject to taxation in said city, for the support and maintenance of public free schools, and for the purchase of grounds upon which to erect school buildings, and for repairs and furnishing of said buildings for said free schools."

In place of the above quoted provision this bill has the following: "The city council may set apart annually not to exceed four-tenths of 1 per centum on the assessed and collected taxes, on all property subject to taxation in said city for the support and maintenance of public free schools in said city, and for the purchase of grounds, and to erect buildings and make repairs thereon, and furnish such buildings for the said free schools."

The published notice of the intention to apply for this amending act, in so far as Section 118 of the original charter is concerned, is as follows: "Section 118, relating to taxation, by granting to the city power to assess, levy and collect fines and penalties against delinquent tax-payers."

It will be seen that this bill amends Section 118 of the original charter in a most important particular, and that the published notice contains nothing to suggest such change.

This bill further proposes to repeal the provisions of Chapter 7, Acts of the first called session of the Twenty-sixth Legislature, in so far as the same applies to the public schools of the city of Denison, without any suggestion in the published notice, of such legislation.

I am advised that but for reliance upon the published notice there would have been strenuous opposition to the passage of this bill, containing the objectionable features indicated.

I am further advised that since the passage of this bill another and different bill has been prepared and has passed the Senate, and will in all probability be finally enacted, which, relieved of the provisions of this bill which are considered objectionable, meets the views of all persons interested in the measure.

S. W. T. LANHAM,
Governor.

The message was read and filed with the Journal Clerk.